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*Plb Dubs
Death*

TO : The Files

DATE: March 29, 1979

FROM : NEA/PAB - Ronald D. Lorton

SUBJECT: Ambassador Dubs' Death

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[REDACTED] told me over the telephone yesterday the following additional information [REDACTED] received about the kidnapping of Ambassador Dubs:

The Ambassador was set up by the Afghan Government who did not expect the incident to go as far as it did. The kidnappers were men from the countryside.

There is a Russian forensic expert in Afghanistan who is not a member of the Communist Party. He was not allowed to participate in the investigation but having him conveniently assigned to another task outside of Kabul at the time.

There was a party to celebrate the Ambassador's death at the Russian Embassy in Kabul the same night.

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